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NEWS PRINT SITUATION IN MAINE STILL GREAT UNSOLVED PROBLEM

Industry Suffers Tremendous Drawback as Result of Unfair Foreign Competition—80 Per Cent of Paper Used by American Newspapers is of Foreign Make.

Total Pr[illegible]n in U. S. in 1935 Was 912,392 Tons, as Against 2,383,813 Tons Imported From Six Foreign Nations. T[illegible] Man Hours Lost for Maine Workers Were 24,091,[illegible] Equivalent to 11,582 Men Employed Full Time. [illegible] Maine State Federation Urge Senators [illegible] Congressmen to Hurry Appropriation to Provide [illegible] Investigation for Solving Problem.

HERBERT W. SULLIVAN

[illegible] 912,392 tons in 1934 [illegible] tons or a 5.1 decrease in 1935.

Imports into the United States from Finland, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Newfoundland and Canada in 1935 totaled 2,383,813 tons [illegible] when the tonnage was [illegible]

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Loss of Jobs

[illegible] equivalent to 11 [illegible]

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MAINE STATE BRANCH EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET IN AUGUSTA ON DEC. 19 TO PREPARE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

[illegible] 1937 legislative program.

A most encouraging outlook is [illegible] manifested by central bodies [illegible] affiliated with the [illegible] which are planning [illegible] coming session of the [illegible] and present [illegible] of important [illegible] the enactment of which are sought by the State Branch [illegible] will be more largely attended than in previous years.

Principal among [illegible] to be presented to the Legislature [illegible]

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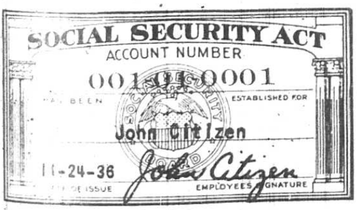
Specimen of Social Security Account Card

(front)



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John Citizen
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3. Return this application blank post free. This can be done in any

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EARLY XMAS SHOPPING

Only 13 shopping days before Christmas. Early shopping is most important, not only from the standpoint of being afforded better selections, but for relieving the hardships imposed upon clerks caused by large crowds who postpone their purchasing until the last few days.

A good motto is SHOP TODAY! Stores are filled with fresh merchandise, and it is a fact long recognized that the "early shopper gets the best."

Council for Industrial Progress to Meet at Capital Dec. 10-11

[illegible] Council for Industrial Progress in Washington [illegible] and 11.

[illegible]

MAJOR GEORGE L. BERRY

both industry and the government must take notice of the expressed will of the people as shown by their support of the present [illegible] Administration.

[illegible] of the main proposals [illegible] before the [illegible] of government [illegible] representatives of business and labor [illegible] that of licensing [illegible] engaged in interstate commerce.

Through this means [illegible] that many of the [illegible] NRA may be attained [illegible] constitutional issues [illegible] very broad [illegible]

THIRTY-HOUR WEEK DEEMED A NECESSITY TO RELIEVE NATION'S UNEMPLOYMENT

Unanimously Re-elected AFL President for Thirteenth Term

WILLIAM GREEN

A. F. of L. Convention Endorses Black-Connery Bill and Directs Executive Council to Take All Necessary Steps For Its Enactment

Convention Deems This Only Means for Mastering Unemployment Question of Settling A. F. of L.-C. I. O. Controversy Left to Council to Adjudicate—"There is Room for All and Honor Enough for All," Says President Green in Defending Action of Executive Council in Suspending 10 C. I. O. Unions.

By CHESTER M. WRIGHT, Editor, International Labor News Service.

Friday, November 27th, marked the [illegible] of the 56th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor which was held in Tampa, Fla.

[illegible] during the two weeks the convention was in session [illegible] interest [illegible] brought forth a proposition that pledges the entire Labor movement toward making every possible effort to reduce the hours of employment to that point where not only the [illegible] will make possible the employment of millions of idle workers [illegible] provide against such future unemployment spells as were experienced since 1929.

As a means for assisting in accomplishing this [illegible] the convention adopted a resolution calling upon Congress to pass the Black-Connery Thirty Hour Week bill, declaring that this is the only means of mastering unemployment," and instructed the Executive Council to "take all necessary steps to have a six-hour day and five-day week bill introduced and enacted into law at the coming session of Congress." This, it was said, could not much longer be delayed and should be the paramount objective of the Federation.

Another important step, and one that caused much discussion, was a resolution which suggested amendments to the Federal Constitution. Those who opposed the resolution did so on the ground that "American Constitutional government is the hope of the world."

"If it is abandoned, where will we go?" asked Chauncey Weaver, a delegate representing the American Federation of Musicians. "Whoever hears of the Supreme Court in Russia, where Stalin sulks and issues his mandates? Who hears of a Supreme Court in Italy where Mussolini smites himself on the breast and imposes his mandates upon the people? Who hears of a Supreme Court in Germany?"

Delegate Weaver defended the Supreme Court as an institution that

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A. F. of L. Votes to Carry On Its Non-Partisan Political Policy

Convention Votes Down Proposals for Independent Action. Fears Expressed Deviation From Present Principle Would Cause Disintegration—Call Attention to Political Activities Which Proved Detrimental to Old Knights of Labor—Block Boycott Against Hearst.

Proposals for the formation of a Labor Party, contained in 10 resolutions at Wednesday's session of the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, in Tampa, Fla., were defeated when the convention adopted a report that "nothing has occurred since the last convention to justify any change in the well established non-partisan political policy of the American Federation of Labor."

"To the contrary," the report added, "the most recent political experience in the election of a President of the United States and the members of the Congress of the United States again emphatically demonstrates the wisdom and the practical value of the non-partisan policy of the A. F. of L. to the trade unionists of our country."

"How can labor plead for unity among the workers when we demonstrate division of thought on the matter of choosing political candidates who are our agents?" asked a delegate who favored adoption of the resolutions.

Opposes Political Move

John P. Frey, secretary of the resolutions committee, warned against any departure from Federation policy and held up as an example of sorties by labor in the political field the action of the Knights of Labor. If a Labor party were in existence, he said, all of labor would be compelled to support the party candidate and this would deprive workers of voting as they pleased. Thus the autonomy of national and international unions would be breached and "soon the labor movement would disintegrate," he argued.

Resolutions which would have placed a boycott against William Randolph Hearst and his publications because of the antagonistic attitude displayed against organized labor, were defeated when an amendment to the com-

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APPEAL TO PUBLIC SENTIMENT TO SETTLE BIG MARITIME STRIKE

Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady Says Public Sentiment Should Be Controlling Factor in Present Controversy With Employers for Decent Conditions for Workers—Purpose Behind Demands of Ship Owners is to Divide, Destroy and Rule—San Francisco I. L. A. Unions Outline Details Regarding Strike.

For months, the public has been subjected to a barrage of statements, pro and con, concerning the Pacific Coast maritime situation. There is much honest confusion of opinion upon a large part of the public as to the main issues involved. Many have abandoned all hope of being able to clearly understand the true situation, in view of the continued conflict of opinion, publicly expressed by opposing interests.

Therefore the International Longshoremen's Association, Locals 38 and [illegible] of San Francisco, wish to assure the public that the present confused situation is not the result of their [illegible] desires. It has been the constant desire of the Association to settle their controversies through direct negotiations between the parties concerned, and without resort to special boards, commissions or special campaigns of propaganda, through press or platform, or over the radio. That is one of the main obstacles to peace.

The Association is contending for a proper standard of living for the waterfront workers. Such an end is the concern of the whole community. To that purpose, a few controlling facts are herewith submitted:

"The first step in the present controversy was taken when a number of shipping companies broke away from the Waterfront Employers' Association and offered to conclude a separate agreement granting longshoremen and checkers a renewal of their contracts, with other advantages. The I. L. A. could not accept this offer, because it did not cover all the seafaring personnel [illegible] which supported the I. L. A. [illegible] because it would [illegible] split the ranks of the maritime workers.

Basic Demands

"Only three basic demands were involved when at midnight on October 29th, some 39,000 men went on strike against some of America's highest subsidized ship owners and tied up 154 of their ships from Seattle to San Diego, and including Honolulu. These demands were:

1. Continuation of the preferential employment method.

2. Payment of overtime for the seafaring credits, in cash, and not in time-off.

3. The eight-hour day for members in every department of the ship's crew. For the longshoremen, the continuation of the six-hour day.

Ship Owners' Demands

What the ship owners wanted was not a settlement, but a showdown fight for the purpose of destroying the maritime unions. Weeks of valuable time were consumed in fruitless negotiations with the ship owners, who had a pre-conceived purpose not to come to an agreement with the I. L. A.

"Commenting upon the situation of deadlock, Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. McGrady is quoted as having said: "This is my first experience in seeing employers present demands, and then insist that such demands be arbitrated." He perceived that the purpose behind the demands of the ship owners was—to divide, destroy and rule.

"Reclining upon their large government subsidies the ship owners can afford to take a dilatory and non-conformable stand. But the workers, whose living has been taken away

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Federal Judges Uphold Ohio's State Minimum Wage Law

In the Sixth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting at Columbus, Ohio, a tribunal composed of three Federal judges held valid the Ohio minimum wage law. This followed closely upon the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court invalidating a similar statute of the State of New York.

The Federal court declared that the law of Ohio fixed minimum wages which were based on the value of the service or class of service rendered. On the other hand, the U. S. Supreme Court, which invalidated the New York statute, acted in harmony with the prior decision of the New York Court of Appeals. The latter jurisdiction had ruled that the law attempted to fix wages on what was sufficient to meet the minimum cost of living necessary for health.

It is now understood that the New York law, which applies only to women and minors, will be made the subject of special legislation in that State, in order to find a way of meeting Constitutional objections.

FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS REGARDING RIGHTS OF CENTRAL LABOR UNIONS TO ADMINISTER BOYCOTT POWER

Tampa Convention Decrees National and Local Unions Having Agreements With Employers Whom It is Proposed Shall Be Placed On Unfair List, Must First Be Given Opportunity to Adjust the Dispute—Final Authority Vested in A. F. of L. Executive Council.

The Tampa convention of the American Federation of Labor amended the constitution of the Federation by restricting the power of central labor bodies to boycott employers.

The matter was brought before the convention by delegates representing the Building Trades and Metal Trades Departments of the A. F. of L. in a resolution which charged that the action of central labor councils and other delegate bodies in declaring firms unfair which have agreements with national and international unions "is in direct violation of the basic principles of collective bargaining and the necessary observance of agreements entered into by international unions."

The delegates of the two departments asked that the A. F. of L. constitution be amended so as to provide that no central labor body "shall have authority to declare any firm or firms having national or local agreements with national or international unions unfair in violation of the provisions of such agreements," with the provision that central labor bodies "declaring an employer unfair in violation of the provisions of such agreements shall be subject to the discipline of the American Federation of Labor."

The Committee on Laws reported that while it was in accord with the purpose of the resolution, it believed it was too drastic as presented, "inasmuch as if adopted in the form proposed it would unduly interfere with much of the effective activities and present recognized functions of local central bodies."

Text of Amendment

In place of the resolution presented by the Building Trades and Metal

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PAID OFFICIALS IN EMPLOY OF CENTRAL BODIES AND LOCAL UNIONS SUBJECT TO TAX FOR OLD AGE BENEFITS

Labor Information Consultant Gives Answer to Question Asked by Secretary of Portland Central Labor Union Relative to Responsibilities of Labor Unions Under Social Security Act

[illegible] Frank O'M[illegible] [illegible] Central Labor Union [illegible] responsibilities of Labor Unions [illegible] Social Security [illegible] officers and agents [illegible] old age [illegible] information [illegible] as follows:

Washington, Dec. 2, 1936.

Dear Sir: The enclosed press release answers two important questions which have been asked by many labor union officers, business agents and employes during the past week. The questions are:

Are labor organizations as employers and their employes subject to the tax for old age benefits provided by the Social Security Act?

Are paid officers, employes and business agents of labor unions covered by the old age benefits provision of the Act?

The Board has now rendered an informal ruling which in effect answers yes to both questions.

Very probably, you have already received employer blanks, and these blanks which are distributed to employers, but if not these can be had from your local Post Office and should, of course be filled out and returned as soon as possible.

Your Central body doubtless knows which of the local unions [illegible] has employes. [illegible] organizations preferably [illegible] of this ruling and ask them to act [illegible] that their employes may get the annuities to which they are entitled under the old age benefits provision of the Social Security Act.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Cordially yours,

[illegible]

Labor Information Consultant.

BUSINESS REVIVAL EXEMPLIFIED IN NO UNCERTAIN TONES IN MAINE CITIES AS HOLIDAY BUYING PROGRESSES

[illegible] for practically [illegible] year now ending has [illegible]

[illegible] to meet incoming orders.

Now we are down to the cause of it all. This Mr. and Mrs. Consumer whose purchases at retail stores due to securing new jobs, getting more regular employment and receiving higher wages and bonuses, are causing a general wave of prosperity from one end of the state to the other.

Savings banks report disbursements to Christmas Club members as great or greater than ever before and that more are joining the 1937 clubs. Insurance officials also report better business. Notable among these is the Maine Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. of Auburn which recently announced that it now has more than [illegible] policy holders, quite a record in five years.

What is most satisfying to all is the fact that the present rush of things is not only for holiday and seasonal wants, but for future requirements as well. This argues well for making 1937 a better and happier year for all. Peace On Earth, Good Will To[illegible] [illegible] The Labor [illegible] to all the year.

Fenton and Gatelee to Aid in Big Drive for Membership

The State-wide membership drive planned by the Maine State Federation of Labor [illegible]

[illegible] time in Maine [illegible] can be spared from his work in the Remington Rand strike, and that [illegible] a promise from John F. [illegible] New England organizer for [illegible] International Alliance of Theatrical [illegible] Employes and Moving [illegible]

[illegible]

N. E. Typo. Unions to Discuss Printing at Boston Conference

[illegible] New England Conference of Typographical Unions [illegible] Boston on Sunday, January [illegible]

[illegible] regarded as one [illegible] competition. Reports from various cities are to [illegible] that wage scales and working [illegible] and that [illegible]

[illegible] being [illegible] in the industry. The movement was started by William [illegible] Cantwell, president of Worcester Typographical Union, who in a recent survey found that printing offices [illegible] a New England wide business [illegible] their compositors as low as [illegible] an hour and who barter with their pressmen to get out their press work [illegible] instead of paying [illegible] wages.

Mr. Cantwell finally appealed to [illegible] Secretary-Treasurer Jess W. Buss of the N. E. C. T. U. who, with members of the executive board, is arranging details for the meeting.

Other abuses growing out of the introduction of photograph printing and a new kind of paper which, with the use of typewriters, is playing havoc with the printing trade will also be discussed, as well as other matters of importance to the trade.

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Portland C. L. U. to Aid State Branch in Legislative Activities

Portland Central Labor Union, at last Wednesday night's meeting, instructed its legislative committee to cooperate with the legislative agent of the Maine State Federation of Labor for the passage of labor and remedial legislation at the coming session of the Legislature.

Particular among measures included in the organization's legislative program are amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act, which it is hoped will make the Maine law comparable to laws in other states.

In discussing legislative affairs delegates expressed the opinion that long sought legislation and amendments to various laws would meet with better treatment than in past years. The mandate of the people, manifested at the November 3rd election, was such, it is believed, as to cause legislators who, from time immemorial, have opposed Labor measures, to see the "handwriting on the wall," and thereby enable them to perceive that a new and progressive element demands the enactment of progressive legislation.

THEATRICAL EMPLOYES RENEW EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN MAN-POWER ON STAGE AND IN BOOTHS AT WORCESTER MEETING

New England District Convention Pledges Full Support to Local Unions in Efforts to Prevent Owners Changing Present Conditions All Affiliated Locals Represented by Full Quotas of Delegates.

Efforts on the part of theater owners to reduce the man-power both backstage and in projection booths, will be fought with vigor by all local unions affiliated with the New England District Council of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Moving Picture Operators, which held its annual convention in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Bancroft, Worcester, last Sunday.

This was made a special subject for discussion at the convention and in which delegates representing local unions in cities where considerable trouble was experienced participated. This resulted in the passage of a resolution which pledged the District Union to renew its determination to assist locals when efforts are made by owners to change prevailing conditions.

The convention also went on record as opposed to the establishment of State-sponsored schools for teaching moving picture operators. It was said the field is already crowded with operators and that putting school-trained men in the field is considered not only detrimental to the industry, but will prove hurtful competition to the unions, many of whose members are only temporarily employed.

A new unit in the industry, that which is used by manufacturers to display new inventions through sound trucks and in public halls, which gave members of the union considerable work during the past year, it was said by Roger Kennedy, a vice-president of the Alliance and in charge of the Detroit district, is growing by leaps and bounds, and he told the delegates it it increases during the next few years at the same ratio as in the past, that as many will be employed in this unit as are now employed in the entire theater industry.

Mr. Kennedy said the Ford Company is planning to put out 200 cars in the near future as a means for additional publicity regarding its plant and the advantages offered to owners of Ford cars.

The address of President George E. Browne of the International Alliance was received with much satisfaction. He reviewed the accomplishments of the organization during the past year and assured those present that the future offers excellent opportunities depending, of course, on the activities of local unions, which he felt confident, fully realize that success in not only improving but maintaining working conditions is dependent on the activities of all concerned.

Fred J. Dempsey, secretary-treasurer of the Alliance, presided, and Fred Newcomb of Providence, acted as secretary.

Representing the Portland locals at the convention were: Chelsea A. Waldron, J. A. Russell and Lester Bragdon.

Bragdon to Oppose Tardiff for Pres. of Central Labor Union

A contest for the presidency of the Portland Central Labor Union, at the election to be held on Wednesday, January 6th, was projected at last Wednesday night's meeting, and which promises to be exciting and to attract a large number of delegates to the meeting.

The candidates are A. N. Tardiff, of the Typographical Union, present incumbent, and L[illegible] M. Bragdon of Theatrical Employes.

Other candidates nominated but without opposition, [illegible] as follows:

Arthur Nason, vice-president; F. C. McDonald, recording and financial secretary; Ernest L. Frank, treasurer; Alfred K. Martin, sergeant at arms; Edward H. Sylve[illegible], John De Petro, William H. Casey and P. L. Dwinell, trustees.

Over 30,000 Aged Get Pensions in Michigan

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 25 (AFLNS)—The vast benefits already being realized from the operation of the Social Security Act and Michigan's concurrent statutes is well attested by the announcement of state officials that approximately 30,500 aged persons in Michigan are now receiving pensions, assistance to them in September amounting to $[illegible]13,000.

Nearly 1000 Members Vote for Officers at Longshoremen's Elec'n

Much interest was manifested at the annual election of officers of the Longshoremen's Benevolent Society which occurred last Wednesday [illegible] at which nearly 1000 votes were cast.

STEPHEN J. FLAHERTY
Re-elected Financial Secretary, Longshoremen's Benevolent Society

The candidates for president were Michael J. Gorham, the present incumbent, who received [illegible]; John Oliver, 228 votes, and [illegible], 224 votes.

Other officers elected were as follows: Vice president, Philip J. O'Connell, Jr.; financial secretary, Stephen J. Flaherty; recording secretary, Thomas L. Foley; treasurer, John [illegible]; chairman Board of Trustees, Philip J. O'Donnell; physician, Dr. W. H. Shanahan; janitor, Patrick [illegible].

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Progress Towards Higher Standard of Living

Present Level of Wages Declared Inadequate to Insure Economic Comfort and Safety

[illegible] the American Federation of Labor [illegible] for business in 1937. [illegible]

[illegible] about that degree of purchasing power [illegible]

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Cooperation, Not Criticism Needed to Bring About Recovery

Irreconcilable Newspapers Which After Democratic Political Landslide Mildly Accepted Will of Electorate Again on the Warpath Against President and New Deal Policies

Less than a month after they received the shock of their lives, and which caused them to change their attitude toward the President and New Deal policies, G. O. P. newspapers, it is apparent, have resumed their criticism not only in their editorial columns, but through special correspondents, who during the past week have been severely critical concerning the President's peace mission in Argentina and New Deal policies in general.

With such a defeat as was administered on November 3rd, which was closely followed by pledges from at least two of the largest employers' organizations in the country to go along with the President in his program to restore full prosperity, it seems would have had such an effect on apparently irreconciliable newspapers to wait a while longer before resuming their unfair criticism against the adminstration. At least they should have waited until the reopening of Congress, and by this means have something constructive to criticise.

It is generally agreed that a goodly share of the Republican party's decisive defeat was due to the unfair criticism and lying propaganda carried on throughout the campaign by those daily newspapers who were lined up with the national committee in its villifying program of propaganda.

If this is true, it would seem they had received a warning, sufficient to at least cause them to move judiciously, lest they cause further delay in the resurrection of their party.

Just at this time, when the nation's business is experiencing unprecedented gains, and when to all appearances we are on the way to complete recovery, it seems positively injudicious for newspapers to be engaged in criticising those who, feeling they have the confidence of the electorate, are exercising every possible means at their command to attain this end.

Editorials and articles written by columnists during the past week or 10 days, which are similar in purport to those with which readers were treated during the three months preceding the November 3rd election, have all the earmarks of a well defined plan to resume their combined attacks against the President and by this means hope to awaken in the hearts of party members a realization that the present is not too early to begin the repairing of fences that were terribly demolished in the last two general elections.

When criticism becomes obnoxious, as this was proven beyond all doubt in this year's presidential election, it seems exceedingly [illegible] to continue it, unless those responsible for it are so blind regarding the intelligence of the electorate [illegible]

[illegible] NRA [illegible] to the President [illegible] of working people.

President Strikes Keynote of Western Peace Parley

Mutual Benefits to be Derived Between Nations Having Reciprocal Relations Furnishes Basis for Promotion of International Good Will

Buenos Aires, Argentina, [illegible] President Roosevelt [illegible] American Republics [illegible]

[illegible]

War, he declared, was something [illegible] In [illegible] and [illegible] with their neighboring nations. [illegible] the President referred to the long accepted basic conditions of mutual racial hatreds and distrusts and the clashing of opposing interests.

Expressing a determination to keep aloof from Old World conflicts, he thought it possible for the Americas to exert their good influence upon the restless nations of the world, in order to win them to the philosophy of peace. More pertinently, he declared for a policy that would ensure peace and freedom from conflict between the nations of the two Americas, saying: "It is our duty, by every honorable means, to prevent any future war amongst ourselves."

As a means to this end, he advocated the strengthening of the procedure of constitutional democratic, or free elective, government. At the same time, a hint was given in the broadest terms that the principle of the Monroe Doctrine was very vivid in the consciousness of the United States Government, but with the elucidation that any attempt at foreign aggression aimed at any American Republic would find all the Americas drawn together for mutual resistance to such attempted encroachment.

In other words, a predatory European nation would not be permitted to make a conquest, piece-meal, of the South American Republics, one by one, but would have to face a united continent. "Each nation," he said, "has learned the glories of being independent politically." He urged that a step towards inter-dependence be now entered upon.

The mutual benefits to be derived between nations having reciprocal foreign trade agreements was touched upon, as furnishing a substantial basis for the promotion of international good will. Co-operative, and not conflicting, trade policies were important in promoting peaceful relations, the President strongly affirmed. In this view he will have the fullest support of all worth-while political economists.

The visit of President Roosevelt to the South American Republics is a plain intimation to Europe to keep its quarrels at home. The lesson of the conquest of Ethiopia has given new life and meaning to the policy of Home Rule for all the Americas.

U. S. COMMERCE CHAMBER HEAD SEES INDUSTRY GIVING JOBS TO FOUR MILLION IDLE DURING 1937

Big Business appears to be thinking of "beginning to make a start to commence to fulfill" its obligations on the matter of unemployment. At least Harper Sibley, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, is talking about conferences between leaders of finance and industry with a view to absorbing 4,000,000 unemployed in industry during the year 1937.

After returning from a visit to the White House which he was careful to state was undertaken on a personal matter, Sibley made a public declaration that he "had every reason to hope and believe" that private business would take up these 4,000,000 employees within the coming year. [illegible] results are to be obtained.

Chamber's Record Bad

Labor's instant answer to this is that it will be glad to have the cooperation of Big Business whenever it can be assured that such cooperation is honest and sincere. Labor points out that the U. S. Chamber of Commerce has been a citadel of reaction ever since it was formed; that it has fought and condemned efforts of the Federal government to improve the conditions of either farmers or wage earners; that firms associated with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce took part in the effort to scare workers into voting against Roosevelt by the "pay roll propaganda".

It seems certain at present that labor will insist that the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and other reactionary bodies shall "bring forth fruits meet for repentance" before asking for cooperation.

Non-Union Employer Is Fined $200 for False Advertising

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 5 (AFL).—Fred Howerton, proprietor of the "Union Sheet Metal Works," a strictly non-union concern, was found guilty here by Judge Philip Smith in Justice's Court of violating the California state labor law, which forbids any firm to falsely advertise it employs union workers.

Howerton advertised in local newspapers that he operated "a 100 per cent union shop" when in fact not a single union worker was employed by him.

A criminal complaint sworn to by Stanley M. Gue, Deputy State Labor Commissioner, a member of organized labor, resulted in the verdict of guilty and a fine of $200 against the dishonest employer.

Judge Smith, in assessing the fine, stated "such advertising is not only a fraud upon union labor but is a fraud upon the public as well."

The court suspended one-half of the fine on condition that the employer comply with the laws in the future, but the balance of $100 was required to be paid in court in cash.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LABOR NEWS!
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THAT TELLS THE STORY!

Garment Workers Ask That Supreme Court be Deprived of Power

President Dubinsky Says His Organization "Realizes Sentiment of Country Has Overwhelmingly Crystalized In Favor of Fundamental Change in Basic Law of the Land"

[illegible]

At the same meeting the board appropriated a [illegible] fund to begin a unionization drive.

[illegible]

Dubinsky said his organization "realizes that the sentiment of the country has overwhelmingly crystalized in favor of a fundamental change in the basic law of the land."

[illegible] suggested change [illegible] which would assure to the working population of our country that measure of economic security and welfare which was embodied in the New Deal and which has heretofore met with judicial invalidation and industrial obstruction."

The speech also [illegible] to the [illegible] of the masses and social [illegible] passed by [illegible] in [illegible] and 1935 by the Supreme Court [illegible] United States on the ground [illegible]

President Dubinsky said: "The general executive board unequivocally declares itself in favor of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would invest Congress with adequate power to legislate for the protection and the advancement of the underprivileged masses throughout the country."

HOPKINS OFFERS BROAD PROGRAM OF SECURITY AND HIGHER WAGES TO SOLVE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

[illegible]

Hopkins said the fact that unemployment persistently had failed to decline as rapidly as business improved showed plain necessity for a long-term program that would go to the root of the problem of protecting and rehabilitating idle workers.

Keep Our Powder Dry

No wise lover of liberty, no matter how fond he may be of peace, will advise any democratic government to disarm while Fascist and Nazi dictators are looking over the world to see what they can most easily devour.

In this, as in many other matters, Spain is a lesson in what not to do.

The Spanish people voted by an overwhelming majority to install a group of liberal parties in the government. The liberal group took office but it did not clean house. Every intelligent person in Spain—every intelligent person everywhere who had kept any sort of track of Spanish affairs—knew that the officers of the Spanish army belonged to the old ruling class and never would be loyal to a new government. Yet those officers were allowed to keep their positions. And also, they were even allowed to remain in command of two considerable bodies of mercenary soldiers; one composed of Moors and one made up of refugees and drifters from almost every nation. There was no patriotism in either of these bodies but both were splendidly drilled in arms.

When the Spanish officers conspired against the government to which they had sworn allegiance, and started out to take possession of all Spain by force of arms, they had a compact and disciplined army, to which the lawful Spanish government could oppose only raw volunteers, often commanded by officers equally untrained.

As a result, Madrid quite probably will be in the hands of the Fascist rebels before these words are printed; and though the civil war in Spain will not end with the fall of Madrid, a dreary and doubtful struggle lies ahead of the Spanish people, with subjection to a military autocracy a very possible outcome.

The lesson holds good the world over. Free nations should do all they can for peace and keep their powder dry while doing it.

William Cullen Bryant described Freedom as "a bearded man, armed to the teeth", not as "a fair young girl with light and delicate limbs", and in his closing apostrophe, he says:

"Not yet, O Freedom,
May'st thou unbrace thy armor, or
lay by
Thy sword

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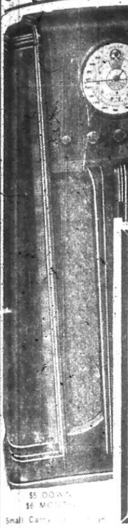

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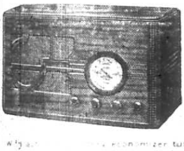

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Door is Still Open; Hand of Fellowship is Still Extended

Just before the vote was taken which endorsed the action of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in its suspension of the 10 unions comprising the C. I. O., President William Green said:

"The door is still open; the hand of fellowship is still extended. Only our enemies will profit by this division."

Boot & Shoe Workers' Union Has Solidified Haverhill Conditions

[illegible]

"THIS AND THAT
"By William H. Heath

[illegible] good news that important manufacturers are looking on Haverhill as the city in which they want to do business.

For years Haverhill was troubled by a plague of selfish and radical unionism that was bent either on advancing some political clique or [illegible] of making Haverhill a laboratory for radical experiments. During these years Haverhill workers lost thousands of jobs and Haverhill seemed to be definitely on the decline industrially. At the beginning of this year, however, Haverhill shoe workers started a new era. They joined themselves with the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union that promised peace and justice and that during the past nine months has set about keeping that promise in ways which have earned the approval of the workers and of the community in general.

"As one man put it the other day, some of these fellows never will be satisfied until they get an open shop with the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union to police the workers.

"Some of them, too, are as devoid of civic pride as a nudist is of blushes and are utterly unable to understand that, in the long run, their personal prosperity is dependent on the community's prosperity. They think that a surplus of workers and a scarcity of jobs are splendid things for them and they must always be suspected of using whatever influence they have to prevent additions to Haverhill industry.

"The good news that important manufacturers are interested in Haverhill locations doesn't mean that Haverhill has won its fight to develop and maintain Haverhill's industrial prestige. Now, as in the past, Haverhill's principal antagonists are in its

LABOR BOARD CONDEMNS "MODEL" COMPANY UNION OF INTER. HARVESTER CO.

International Ordered to Withdraw Recognition of Industrial Council Plan as Agency for Collective Bargaining — Decision Big Blow at Fake Unionism in Company's 13 Plants — Council Not Free Agent — Company is Prosperous

[illegible] There is no shadow of doubt anywhere that the whole structure of company unionism in the plants of this corporation has received a mortal blow.

[illegible] and is entirely under the domination of the company. [illegible]

This Works Council is partly elected [illegible] under conditions which let the company know who votes [illegible] and partly appointed by [illegible] and its meetings are presided over by the Manager of Industrial Relations for the company. [illegible]

[illegible] no agreement relating to hours, wages or conditions of [illegible]

[illegible] employment has ever been entered into by the International Harvester Company with its employes at Fort Wayne."

[illegible]

Interstate Business Done

[illegible] a corporation with 13 plants in the United States, two in Canada and four in Europe. The Fort Wayne plant makes and assembles automobile trucks [illegible] Fort Wayne [illegible] state parts.

[illegible] that trucks could be assembled at Fort Wayne without bringing in its component parts from various other states.

Company is Prosperous

The company is more than prosperous. The Board finds that its [sales] in this country in 1935 were $168,728,000, and foreign sales $46,851,000. This is a 57 per cent increase over the sales of 1934.

Company unions were first started by the harvester concern in 1919, four or five years after the introduction of this fraud in the Rockefeller-owned Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.

Small Borrowers Still Being Robbed by Racket Loan Sharks

From time to time the illegal practices of racketeer loan sharks come before the courts for a showing up. The lesson soon dies from the public mind, however, and the system of extortionists still going strong. New York City is the latest place where the loan shark racket has been brought out into the open with a wealth of detail that is little less than shocking.

It appears that thousands of employes of that great municipality have been defrauded out of amounts up to 10 per cent of their salaries. This is revealed through an investigation by Attorney General Bennett, Jr., in response to a demand for correction of the loan shark abuse. Victims include policemen, firemen, teachers and many others. Seeking small loans, they were induced to sign involved printed forms of obligation which later came against them in court processes as authority for garnishee action. The investigation revealed a well organized racket system including a copartnership between certain "fence" jewelry stores, pawnshops, and miscellaneous retail shops.

The gist of the testimony of hundreds of witnesses gave full evidence of forgery, "obtaining money under false pretenses," and general violation of the state banking law. Convictions in many cases seem assured. At the same time, the cause which impels well and constantly paid salary earners to obligate themselves in the manner disclosed raises an important economic question. It also emphasizes the need for more education of the public regarding legitimate loan agencies.

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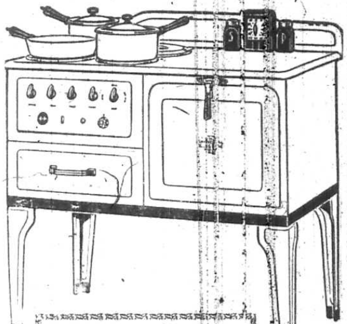

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Strong Demand for Homes Helps Revive Building Industry

From Washington, comes a report that the strong demand for homes has led to the widespread revival of residential building activity throughout the present year.

In proof of this, it is said that out of almost a score of important cities in 10 States, more than half of such cities showed that less than two per cent of the number of one-family homes were vacant. This is taken as proof of the inability of the people to secure satisfactory housing.

The report also shows that during the first nine months of 1936 more houses were built than was the case during the corresponding periods of the three preceding years, all combined. This indicates that the accumulated shortage of housing, incidental to the general depression, is now finding an effective demand for new construction. This in turn stands for an improvement in the real estate market.

The Federal Housing Administration through its mutual mortgage system, aims to enable private capital to furnish the credit required for sound construction, to enable new housing to be provided to meet the rising demand and to put the industry on a more stable basis. The survey shows that such ends are now being accomplished.

Re-opening Sale Now Going On at Chipman's Market

Chipman's newly modernized and renovated market at 574 Congress street which is celebrating this week the completion of repairs and improvements made since a fire caused damage of thousands of dollars to its stock and equipment, is attracting throngs of thrifty shoppers in the Portland trading area.

Two new departments have been added to this already large establishment catering to the food wants of many in the city and nearby towns and cities. There is a new lunch counter and delicatessen department in the new Chipman's whose re-opening sale is going on this week. In addition all counters and shelves damaged by the fire of a few weeks ago have either been replaced or reconditioned so as to look like new.

Manager Baker and his entire staff are receiving the congratulations of new and old customers on the fine appearance of Chipman's greater market and its complete stock. The work on store improvements was done by Portland labor.

N. Y. Contractor Guilty of "Kick-Back" Charge

New York, N. Y., Nov. 25 (AFLNS) —The "kick-back" racket, indulged in by many employers, particularly in the building trades, has brought another contractor to grief.

"Guilty" was the verdict against Kierman A. Schudderkoff, charged in Special Sessions with requiring five painters to "kick-back" $10 a week from their regular union wages.

Paul Lehman, painting sub-contractor, in hiring five painters, explained that the union scale of $9 a day for a five-day week would be paid, but in order to get the jobs and keep them, it was testified, the men were required to "kick-back" $10 a week to Schudderkoff, the general contractor.

1937 Stewart-Warner Elec. Refrigerators Now on Display

The new 1937 Stewart-Warner electric refrigerators which are now on display at all dealers throughout the State, excel in the completeness of features most appealing to housewives and providing maximum efficiency of operation at the lowest cost, according to J. J. Bourisk of the Northeastern Sales Corporation [illegible] who are Maine distributors [illegible].

This is the fourth season that the Lewiston concern has been distributor of the entire Stewart-Warner line of electric refrigerators, which are well known to Maine people everywhere by reason of the fact that in most cities and larger communities these refrigerators are sold by authorized dealers.

Mr. Bourisk expects that 1937 will be the best year for Stewart-Warner refrigerators in Maine, inasmuch as general business conditions everywhere have improved and more people are in a position to avail themselves of this equipment which is an investment that pays for itself over a period of years through savings on food, eliminating of shrinkage and wastage and assuring the family that has a Stewart-Warner of healthful food at all times.

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PATRONIZE YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS

The Season's Greetings from Waterville Merchants and Business Leaders, Who Are Appreciative of the Patronage and Support of Trade Unionists and Their Families

Members of Local 1802 to Cut Own Firewood for Winter's Use

Members of U. T. W. of A. Local 1802 found that wood was lacking for their stoves. The solution was easily [illegible] when Brother Raymond French [illegible] them there was plenty of wood on his farm, the only thing lacking was someone to cut it down.

Whereupon many workers, who at [illegible] time or other were great or professed to be great axe wielders, were given a chance to prove their skill. A [illegible] was organized to cut wood for [illegible] of the local and at the same [illegible] the exercise. The local [illegible] its appreciation to Brother French for his generosity in donating [illegible] and for the use of members.

Retail Sales Increase by 26 p. c. in Maine; Total 232 Millions

There can no longer be any question about the large increase in retail sales in Maine. Latest available figures show that for the State as a whole total retail sales in 1935 were over $232,000,000. This was distributed among more than 12,000 individual stores. The increase in sales in Maine the last two years represented 26 per cent. York and Washington counties made the largest gains.

Portland continues to hold a lead [illegible] in the aggregate sales [illegible]. Nearly 16 per cent of the total retail sales volume of the State is done in this city, or more than [illegible] the amount of any other city in Maine.

Liquor Trade Shows Maine Large Profits; Total is $1,600,000

Prohibition did not work for the simple reason that men do not like to be restrained in their natural and customarily indulged appetites. Therefore it is hardly surprising that Maine's profit from the sale of liquor since the establishment of the State liquor store system about two years ago has shown a handsome profit. This is given as about $1,600,000 according to figures from the office of the State Controller's Department.

It is also stated that the total sales since December 1934 were more than eight million dollars. Of this sum the profit accruing to the State is about 20 per cent.

The best of the story is that this money which formerly went into bootlegging channels, in the most part has been turned to the benefit of the State and the freeing of the community from dangerous lawlessness. It represents dividends upon rational legislation.

Farm Resettlement Project of $100,000 to Benefit 200 Families

It is announced that the Federal Resettlement Administration has allocated $1,100,000 to the State of Maine for the general purposes of the farm resettlement program. Of this sum there has been made available [illegible] for immediate disbursal. It will be used in pursuance of the plan for the betterment of some 200 farm families in several different Counties in the State. It will not take on the character of a "block" farming community. On the other hand, the plan aims at the so-called infiltration system whereby certain families are added to an already existing community, rather than to establish a complete community in an entirely new settlement.

Already five times the number of applications have been received as compared with the openings available. The projected type of the new farms to be established will mainly comprise those of the poultry and dairy order and some general truck crops.

State Supervisor Homer L. Worcester of the Federal Resettlement Administration will have general charge of the enterprise. Already some 500 acres of land are said to have been certified for purchase, out of 4,000 acres upon which government options had been acquired.

Wyandotte Workers Have Not as Yet Received Increase

The Wyandotte Company, as yet, has not given wage increases to its employes although this company made an adjustment in wages about a year ago. The local union appointed a committee to inquire as to why this increase has been delayed.

Mrs. Alice Lewis was elected chairman of a committee to handle the big Whist and Beano Party to be given on December 6th. Mrs. Lewis has been known for her great efforts and ability in putting things over when she has anything to do about it.

Geneva Group Cold to Forty-Hour Week for Printing Industry

All employer delegates of the International Labor Organization, now in session at Geneva, with the exception of the American representative, made it known this week that they would not take any further part in considering the 40-hour work week for printers.

In explaining their position, the dissenters stated that they did not think it was expedient at this time to enter into detailed discussion of restrictions upon the printing industry, with regard to specific limitation of hours of work. On the other hand, Harold Winchester, speaking for the American delegates, was strongly in favor of such a plan and also of a formulated system of classifying the different elements of production which were comprised under the general term of printing. He favored a separate declaration upon the 40-hour work week and the classification of printing into its several collective elements.

Shoe Heeler, Former Resident of Calais, Rochester, N. H., Mayor

The election of a shoe heeler as Mayor of Rochester, N. H., on December 1st and said to be the first labor [illegible] man to have been elected to that office in 44 years, was the good news [illegible] from the State of New Hampshire during the past week.

John F. Conrad, Rochester's new mayor, is a native of Calais, Maine, where he went to work in a shoe factory when but 10 years of age, and has worked at his trade ever since. He moved to Rochester with his parents 40 years ago, and prior to his election as mayor had represented his Ward in the City Council for 15 years. He is employed as a heeler at the Emerson shoe factory.

Although having had little opportunity to secure an education, it is said Mr. Conrad has been studious all his life, and much ability as a speaker and debater resulted from these efforts.

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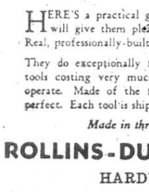

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Office Opened in Augusta to Administer Social Security Act

[illegible] facilitate the registration of [illegible] who are eligible for registration [illegible] for old age benefits under the Social Security Act, a field office has been opened in Augusta. This is the second office to be opened in this State, the first one being in Portland, which began its official duties shortly after November 1st.

The number of offices which have been opened throughout the country for the general purposes of the Social Security administration is now said to reach one hundred or more.

The main duties of the office management will be to keep wage records, receive and provide general information and to hear and settle claims about disputed points of the working practice of the system.

Maine Sentiment Approves Act

Despite criticism of the Social Security Act, which is heard from time to time in certain quarters, it may be taken for granted that the common sentiment of the people of Maine is in general accord with the spirit of the law. This is the belief of John Pearson, New England Regional Director of the Board, as expressed recently to a meeting of the Maine League of Women Voters.

In proof of this, it is submitted that out of the thousands of letters of comment which had been received by the Board during the past few weeks only a scant half dozen were opposed to the program. As a proof of the feasibility of the Social Security Act Mr. Pearson referred to the fact that in Maine there were more than [illegible] needy persons including the aged, blind, and dependent children who have been aided by this enactment.

Pertinently, he warned that there was no longer any advantage in any State being without its unemployment compensation laws in view of the blanket Federal law. For this reason he suggested the wisdom of speedy State legislative action in order to enable employes to obtain their credit and to set up a fund in Maine.

State Branch Sec'y Convalescing at His Home in Pittsfield

All members of Maine trade unions will be pleased to learn that Secretary and Legislative Agent Clarence R. Burgess has so far recovered from his illness that it was possible for him to leave the hospital for his home in Pittsfield where it is reported by R. L. Briggs, secretary of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, Local 541 of Augusta, he is convalescing and hopes to be able to resume his duties within a few weeks.

Mr. Burgess has been ailing for some time and eight weeks ago was confined to the hospital. While laid up, details of the office have been looked after by Mrs. Burgess, who made frequent trips to Augusta, and who kept in touch with members of the Executive Board.

It is hoped Mr. Burgess will have recovered sufficiently so as to be able to attend the meeting of the Board which is to be held prior to the opening of the Legislature.

Brunswick Local 2225 Prepares for Election of Nat. Relations Board

Brunswick Local 2225 is preparing to stage another Roosevelt landslide for the United Textile Workers of America when the National Labor Relations Board holds the election in Cabot's Mill to designate the collective bargaining unit for the Cabot workers.

This comes after the company failed in the courts to restrain the Board from holding such election. This is the only case in the State of Maine and is being watched closely by all the workers.

There is no question as to what organization shall represent the workers as there is no company or independent union, the only organization with which Cabot workers are affiliated being the U. T. W. of A.

Refusal on the part of the mill management to meet the representatives may be [illegible] cause for much dissatisfaction. The feeling is that the management having been able to bulldoze the workers [illegible] is now afraid to be [illegible] up before [illegible] who, while in control [illegible] will express himself without [illegible] of losing [illegible].

Enlarged, Modernized Specialty Store for Women and Children

[illegible] holiday trade [illegible] its [illegible] setting, Owen Moore's enlarged and modernized specialty store for women and children which also features home furnishings, toys and gifts for all the family, is enjoying one of the best years in its history, according to the management.

Officials of Owen Moore's announced substantial bonuses for all employes last week, which not only affected those regularly working but part time help as well. This is in line with the company's policy to share gains in business with its employes.

Work on the new addition to the store of this firm was completed some time ago but it was not until the present holiday season that all new departments were completely installed and others rearranged. Today it is not only one of Portland's finest stores but equal to any metropolitan store of its kind in New England in its specialty lines.

Quoddy May be Revived by Congress, Says Senator White

While it is taken in many quarters that the Quoddy project has been practically abandoned by the government, yet it is—in some vital respects a living proposition. For instance, the Quoddy dams will be maintained by the War Department until the end of the fiscal year June [illegible] 1937. One reason for this is that the government is obliged to maintain them for railroads which use the tops of the dams at the present time.

Reports of damage to the dams which are of rock fill construction are said to be exaggerated. Such damage as has been disclosed, it is said, is only what might be normally expected under the circumstances. Need[illegible] repairs are being made and no concern is entertained for the reported subsidence of the structures. Such developments are said to be in the normal course following the first year of construction.

Senator Wallace H. White Jr., of Maine has recently been to Washington on a mission of general information seeking relative to Quoddy and its future prospects. There he was [illegible] that [illegible] through a [illegible] of the War Department to be [illegible] Congress during the next [illegible] again [illegible] consideration.

NYA Project Suspension Admitted

[illegible] and winding [illegible] admit [illegible] the National Youth [illegible] at Quoddy has [illegible] the W. P. A. [illegible] information [illegible] which [illegible] appeared had not been sufficiently considered if it had been entered at all. Comparative figures later made available showed that the cost of the enterprise as finally agreed upon would be in the neighborhood of $65 per pupil, as compared with a cost of $18 per pupil on the national average. This, in connection with the present depleted state of WPA finances led to the practical abandonment of the ambitious plan.

The idea of the project grew out of the unwillingness to abandon Quoddy completely altogether, the hope being that the National School project would serve to keep the main issue alive pending possible future favorable developments. The latest investigation into the actual cost of the new enterprise did not encourage further spending of money at a manifestly disproportionate ratio as compared with similar educational activities.

First Loan for Rural Electrification in State Soon to Be Completed

It is very probable that in the very near future the first loan to be made in Maine by the Rural Electrification Administration will be completed. Negotiations have advanced to such a point of completion that little more than some technical details of organization and legal administration are waiting to be decided upon. The Kingman Power Co. was allotted some $60,000 last October but the final legal steps cannot be taken until it has been ascertained with authority how the new Federal set-up will harmonize with present existing State laws in Maine.

The normal form of such an organization would be that of a cooperative. If this is found to be opposed to State law another form of corporate entity may be resolved upon to obviate any legal obstructions of that sort. Financially speaking, the government aid will be in the form of a loan to be amortized (or paid back) during the course of the following 20 years, for which time the bonds so issued will run. It is estimated that the line when completed will be about 61 miles in length and will bring service to a little less than 400 customers.

The main line will start at Mattawamkeag and will tap Penobscot, extending into Aroostook County. Power will be purchased from the Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. People of the local communities to be served are the main sponsors of the enterprise.

Further Requirements in Filling Out Papers for Social Security Act

The Social Security Board has announced that employes, in filling out applications for Social Security numbers, should use the name by which they are known on the pay roll of their employer.

It is added that, wherever it is considered necessary, any evidence or statement should be added to explain any difference between the pay roll name and the name as shown by vital records (such as birth records in the city or place where the applicant was born). These should be attached to the application card, or forwarded separately to the Wage Records Office of the Social Security Board in Baltimore, Md.

The time limit for filing applications has been extended to December 15th, but this extension is an act of grace and does not cancel the original requirement. Where several persons of the same identical name are employed by the same concern, space for the home address of the applicant is provided for. This is to prevent confusion owing to the duplication of names.

In case the account number card is lost, a duplicate may be obtained by application to the Board. However, every applicant should make a copy of his card number immediately upon receipt, to be used in case of loss of the original record.

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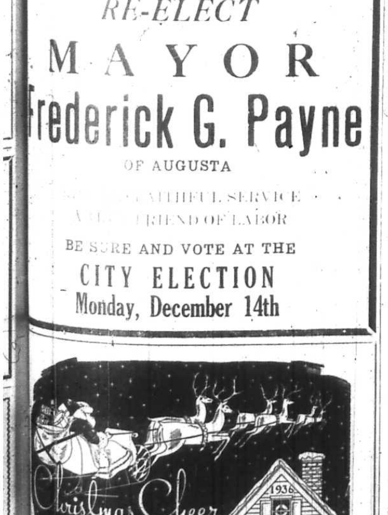

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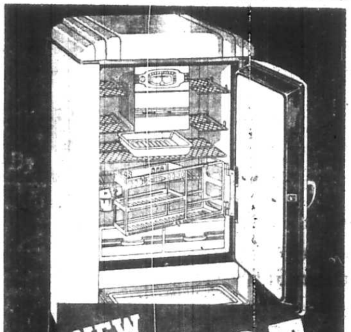

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BRER RABBIT MOLASSES No. ½ TIN 13c
VERMONT MAID PANCAKE SYRUP 12 oz BOT 21c
MARSHMALLOW FLUFF 2 SM TINS 17c LGE TIN 19c
SUPER SUDS RED PACKAGE 3 PKGS 25c
LUX FOR YOUR FINE FABRIC WASHING 2 SM PKGS 19c LGE PKG 21c
LUX TOILET SOAP 4 BARS 25c
SKYFLAKE WAFERS 12 oz PKG 18c
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FIRST NATIONAL STORES

THIRTY-HOUR WEEK DEEMED A NECESSITY TO RELIEVE NATION'S UNEMPLOYMENT

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would be of service to Labor when it was "impaled on the protruding hook of some obnoxious legislation."

The convention voted to refer the subject to the Executive Council for "careful study." Last year's convention, in Atlantic City, authorized the Council to prepare and submit to Congress an amendment to protect labor legislation from adverse decisions of the Supreme Court.

The third step in importance on the closing day of the convention was the action taken relative to applying boycotts to firms against whom local unions have grievances. In accordance with the resolution adopted, boycott proposals will now have to go through certain proceedings, beginning with the local union where the grievance is instituted, thence to the Central body for approval, to the National Union with which the local is affiliated, and lastly, to the Executive Council of the Federation and the President for final approval.

In favoring the resolution officials of national unions warned that in the [illegible] Central Labor Unions might take "radical" action if they were not curbed, and that the [illegible] was a dangerous [illegible]

[illegible]

former will be compelled to submit resolutions to the Federation's secretary 30 days prior to the convention, and representatives of State Federations and Central bodies are restricted to the introduction of only such resolutions as are sanctioned by their respective organizations.

The convention closed with the election of officers for the ensuing year. Delegates rose and applauded when President Green's reelection was announced. In a response Mr. Green called for "patience and tolerance" in the consideration of labor's problems and reiterated previous declarations on the C. I. O.-A. F. of L. controversy, pleading with the dissident unions to "come back home, sit with us, and be with us in our common fight."

Frank Morrison was reelected secretary for his [illegible] term, having served the Federation in that capacity since 1896 and as secretary-treasurer during the past two years.

Members of the Executive Council were all reelected as follows: Frank Duffy, Indianapolis; T. A. Rickert, New York; Matthew Woll, New York; [illegible] Coefield, Washington; Arthur O. Wharton, Washington; Joseph N. Weber, New York; G. M. Bugniazet, Washington; George M. Harrison, [illegible] Daniel J. Tobin, Indianapolis; [illegible] Washington; [illegible] Washington; W. D. [illegible] Felix H. Knight, Kansas [illegible]

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man lives out his normal life expectancy of 13 years after reaching the age of 65 his benefits will amount to $6,480, or more than 6½ times what he pays in. In the case of a woman the normal life expectancy is 15 years, and she would receive $8,100 or more than 8 times what she paid in. For a man of 60 who pays in for 5 years before he retires, his total tax is $78—in return for which he gets $2,580 if he lives out his normal life expectancy or more than 33 times the amount he has paid in. In the case of a woman she would receive about $3,225, or more than 40 times the amount she paid in. No where else can the worker get as much protection for the same amount of money that he pays in.

This is true not only because he receives the benefit of his employer's contribution, but also because it would cost a private insurance company a great deal more to collect the premiums directly from the worker in such small amounts weekly or monthly.

As regards the collection of these contributions: The worker will not have to make a weekly trip to some office to pay his 15 or 20 or 30 cents. The Government will collect both his contribution and the employer's contribution directly from the employer.

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For the man of 35 who is making $25 a week, his contributions over 30 years' time amount to $975. If this

AFL VOTES TO CARRY ON

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"Your committee is of the opinion that this policy of our trade union movement should not be changed."

Regardless of Mr. Hearst's personal views relative to trade unionism, the report stated he, in fact, had had agreements for years covering the printing trades and the teamsters.

At this point John Eddy, secretary of the American Newspaper Guild, announced that The Seattle Post-Intelligencer (a Hearst newspaper) controversy had been settled and the strike ended. The delegates applauded the statement.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

May peace and contentment abide in the homes of organized workers. We know your hearts are touched with the spirit of the season.

We desire to convey our gratefulness for your loyal co-operation and friendship, still confident that the progress of Labor in 1937 will exceed the commendable accomplishments of the closing year.

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BENJAMIN DORSKY, 5th V.-P.

[illegible] foreign ties more will be put on the duty free list.

Domestic Production Declines

[illegible] the newsprint has increased [illegible] pounds in the years of '34 [illegible] during 1935 [illegible] more than a quarter of a [illegible]

[illegible]

Commission to investigate the trade for the purpose of finding the cost of [illegible] and advising as to the price the industry should receive for it.

No action was taken by the Commission and after waiting several months I wrote the chairman. The reason given for not making the investigation was that there were no funds available.

Now it is time that the Maine State Federation of Labor get right after [illegible] Senators and Congressmen to bring pressure to bear [illegible] appropriated [illegible] investigation that [illegible] Maine paper [illegible] expand.

ME. STATE EX. BOARD

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... under a State [illegible] compensation [illegible] wage [illegible] principal [illegible] of personal [illegible] department to [illegible] conditions in industry.

A labor unionist cannot increase his own wages unless he raises the pay of his brother unionists by patronizing firms that display the union label, shop card and button.

NEWSPRINT SITUATION

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of 40 hours each, or [illegible] hours for each man yearly.

Had this additional tonnage been produced in United States mills, there would have been used additionally the following materials: Wood, [illegible] 724,516 cords; [illegible] 362,800 tons; [illegible] rock 9,350 tons; sulphur 763 tons; cotton [illegible] $146,000; [illegible] $279,000; wooden [illegible] $36,000; [illegible] $23,400; lubricants $41,000; general mill supplies $852,000.

The transportation to destination of this additional tonnage would have cost $[illegible], all of which would have gone to American carriers.

The above, of course, affects every wage earner in the state. That is the reason I am calling your attention to it. It means a loss of work for a large number of men who should be employed in producing paper to supply our American requirements instead of it being imported from foreign countries.

Arthur Brisbane, in the Hearst publications on October 20th, wrote: "This is the place in which to spend the money that you make here. Buy goods made by American workers in America. A poor citizen is one who struggles to get American dollars for himself and spends them to pay for foreign labor."

Hearst Papers Printed on Foreign-Made Newsprint

Mr. Brisbane writes in this strain quite often, but the most of his writings are printed on foreign-made paper, while the paper industry in this America he so proudly boasts of is being driven on the rocks by foreign competition.

John J. O'Brien, vice president and New England manager of the paper mill in an address over the Yankee Network, covering all New England, on May 27th, said that the increasing importation of foreign newsprint paper is causing many manufacturers to switch to other grades in an already overcrowded market.

He said that in 1913 American newsprint mills supplied 80% of the newsprint consumed by American newspapers, with a yearly tonnage of 1,[illegible] tons; imports amounted to 200,000 tons. Today foreign mills supply 80% of the newsprint used by American publishers.

The cause of the shift in tonnage is because newsprint was put on a duty free list in 1913. Standard newsprint weighs 32 lbs to the ream; today the publishers are asking that 35 lb. paper be admitted duty free, and if they

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"THE FUEL THAT SAVES YOU MONEY"

Owen, Moore's
PORTLAND, MAINE

Gifts---FOR A MAN'S CHRISTMAS

Announcing the opening of a special [illegible] section in the rear of the store—where you may purchase things for the male members of the family. Offering a wide selection from which to choose

TIES 55c to $1.00
SCARFS $1.00 to $3.00
HOSIERY 35c to 50c
PAJAMAS $1.69 to $3.95
HANDKERCHIEFS 15c to $1.00

Throughout the store you will also find [illegible] other gifts which include Yardley shaving bowls [illegible] gloves, bill folds, desk sets and many other gifts for men.

CHRISTMAS

Shop Early

Bedecked in their Christmas attire and ready with a very complete assortment of electrical gifts, are all of our stores.

Each year we strive to bring you as complete an assortment of the better electrical gifts that is possible. Gifts that give happiness for years and years to come. We think you will agree that our selection this year is comparable with the larger metropolitan stores.

For the best selection of gifts as well as for your own convenience and leisure may we suggest that you shop early.

And in shopping you are cordially invited to make this store your headquarters. Use it for a place to meet your friends . . . to leave your packages . . . to rest awhile.

Christmas Wrapping

Any gift you select will be carefully wrapped in complete Holiday attire ready for mailing. Or if it is not convenient for you to come to our store . . . phone and we will be glad to do the complete job for you.

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